

## Bradley Beach Environmental Commission: June Meeting

June 1st, 2020: 07:00 PM

In attendance—Arye, Meredith, Geoff, Rona, John, Liz, Dan, Al

- 1.) Welcome
- 2.) Approval of June Meeting Minutes (Below)
  - a. Geoff moves to pass meeting minutes; Rona seconds
- 3.) Old Business
  - a. Reschedule of Education/Outreach Events (ex. Arbor Day/Salem Oak) (John/All)
    - i. John looking into having the State hold the tree until Fall
    - ii. Come back to this in Fall
    - iii. State didn't send trees out
      1. Possibly pushed off until next year
  - b. Tree Protection Ordinance/Shade Tree Update (John)
    - i. Anything to add John? Great work!
      1. First reading of Shade Tree Ordinance
      2. Shade Tree Commission will have domain over planting strip and regulates private properties as well
        - a. Permits, fines, etc.
      3. Next reading of Shade Tree Ordinance will be June 9<sup>th</sup>
      4. Geoff is wondering if we can share costs of arborist with neighboring towns' Shade Tree Commissions
        - a. Potential if the arborist is full-time rather than part-time
  - c. LED Lighting Update (Rona)
    - i. Come back to this in August
  - d. Charging Station Update (John)
    - i. Jackson graduated and completed his internship
    - ii. Is this something we still want to pursue?
      1. Interest from Environmental Commission end
    - iii. Webinar coming up on installing EV charging stations
      1. June 24<sup>th</sup> 1-2 pm (registration required, open to all)
      2. Maybe we can glean some advice on where to get started
  - e. 2019 Report Update (Meredith)
    - i. Please review attached
    - ii. Wait on John's comments
      1. Rona will turn into report and send draft to group
  - f. Complete Streets Technical Assistance Project (Meredith/Liz)
    - i. General Update
    - ii. Liz contacted David Brown who signed scope of work to send back to Sustainable Jersey team
      1. No actions on this front yet
      2. Waiting to hear back if kickoff tour will be virtual or in-person presentation from SJ
    - iii. Liz will reach out to fill in knowledge gaps

- g. Bradley Beach Energy Fellow Update (John)
  - i. Environmental Defense Fund
  - ii. Masters student, taught by SJ on the actions communities must take
    - 1. Help town to complete actions and/or complete application
    - 2. Can look into EV infrastructure direction
    - 3. All work will be remote
    - 4. Goal: energy audit of Borough's buildings
      - a. Building on action from first SJ application toward tracking energy usage in town's buildings
- h. Did I forget anything?
- i. Sylvan Lake updates
  - i. Meeting w/ DEP for wetlands restoration /living shorelines project rescheduled
    - 1. Was supposed to be funded by DOD
    - 2. Al is doing cost estimate—going for planning grants
    - 3. Will be slow-moving for now (searching for funding currently)
      - a. Will be a phased approach

#### 4.) New Business

- a. Boardwalk/Beach— anything we can do to support the town?
  - i. Oyster catchers have multiple nest sites in town (Evergreen and Fifth Avenues)
  - ii. Ravens are nesting in town as well
    - 1. Put up a picture on the BBEC Facebook page
- b. Sustainable Jersey Renewable Government Energy Aggregation
  - i. Geoff spoke with contact in Asbury Park
    - 1. Township official must attend meetings
      - a. As defined by town? Environmental Commissioner?
    - 2. Coordination amongst multiple communities (buy energy cooperatively)
      - a. New Brunswick
      - b. Asbury Park
      - c. Long Branch
      - d. Middletown
    - 3. Resolution must be passed to participate
      - a. Need authority of town to do this
        - i. Potential for interest on town's end
    - 4. Sustainable Jersey leading the charge potentially
- c. Liz is finalizing any documentation to officially join the Environmental Commission
- d.

#### 5.) Adjourn 07:46 PM

- a. Motion: Rona
- b. Seconded: Meredith, Rona, Dan, Geoff, Liz, John, Al